

Belmont City Council Special Meeting August 21, 2003

Belmont City Hall, 1070 Sixth Avenue, Suite 101 and

Teleconference Location: 13812 Cambria Drive #B

Fountain Hills, Arizona 85268

SPECIAL MEETING: TIME 6:00 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Feierbach, Metropulos, Warden, Bauer, Wright (via telephone)

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: City Manager Kersnar (arrived 6:03 P.M.), Assistant City Manager Rich, City Attorney Savaree, Deputy City Clerk Harrington

Mayor Wright requested that Vice-Mayor Metropulos preside over the meeting due to Mayor Wright's participation via the telephone.

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

No one came forward to speak.

Consideration of a Resolution providing for the appointment to the offices of this city that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 and canceling the election. The persons so nominated are: Terri Cook, City Clerk, John Violet, City Treasurer, Dave Warden, City Council, and Phillip Mathewson, City Council.

Assistant City Manager Rich stated that if Council decided to appoint the nominees, then staff would recommend holding the reorganization on Wednesday, November 12.

Steve Gross, Hallmark Drive, spoke in favor of canceling the election and saving the city the expense of an election.

City Attorney Savaree stated that Councilmember Warden would not have to recuse himself from voting on this issue. The only conflict of interest that could be identified was a source of income and Government Code 82030 for income received from a public office addressed this situation.

City Attorney Savaree noted that Foster City, San Bruno, Newark and Portola Valley canceled their elections and in each city all the councilmembers voted.

Councilmember Metropulos noted that Brisbane and the Belmont Redwood Shores Elementary School District were also considering canceling their elections.

Councilmember Bauer stated there was a tremendous amount of apathy in voting and running for office.

Steve Erickson, Oak Knoll Drive stated that he thought there were two distinct political groups in Belmont and he voted for George Kranen in the previous election because Mr. Kranen was not a part of those groups. Mr. Erickson thought there should be an election.

George Kranen, Notre Dame stated he regretted not filing nomination papers for City Council. He felt personally responsible for depriving the electorate of Belmont the opportunity to vote. He further stated that it was a mistake and he would live with his decision. Mr. Kranen urged the Council to cancel the election and appoint the nominees.

Councilmember Warden, stated there were 25,000 other citizens who decided not to run in this election, and he was glad that Mr. Kranen took the personal responsibility for the choice he made not to run for office.

Action: On Motion by Councilmember Wright, seconded by Councilmember Feierbach and approved unanimously by a roll call vote to adopt:

Resolution No. 9458 providing for the appointment to the offices of this city that were to be elected on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT at this time being 6:15 P.M.

Meeting Audio Taped
Harrington

Sheila

Tape No. 560
City Clerk

Deputy